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: MANUFACTURING SAID DEVICE, AND USE OF A MEMBRANE
: IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SAID DEVICE

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REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is to the Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application dated December 13, 2001 in the above-named case. Applicant also applies for a two month extension of time for filing this Reply. With that two month extension, this Reply is due on April 13, 2002. Therefore, this Reply is timely filed.

Oath/Declaration

Enclosed herewith is a Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

Small Entity Status

Applicants assert that this application is owned by PamGene B.V., which qualifies as a small entity. The Assignment to PamGene has been executed and will be filed with the USPTO for recordation forthwith.

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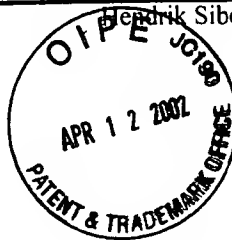
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$432.
■ **\$432 for 24 total claims over 20.**
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1302.**

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/997,213
Title: **DEVICE FOR PERFORMING AN ASSAY, A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAID DEVICE, AND USE OF A MEMBRANE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SAID DEVICE**
Inventors: **Hendrik Sibolt van Damme, Hermanus Johannes Maria Kreuwel, Tim Kievits, Marinus Gerardus Johannus van Beuningen, and Pieter Jacob Boender**
Our File: 65959/7

Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified application in the names of Hendrik Sibolt van Damme, Hermanus Johannes Maria Kreuwel, Tim Kievits, Marinus Gerardus Johannus van Beuningen, and Pieter Jacob Boender, entitled **DEVICE FOR PERFORMING AN ASSAY, A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAID DEVICE, AND USE OF A MEMBRANE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SAID DEVICE**:

1. a Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (2 pages) and containing therein a request for a two month extension of time;
2. a copy of Part 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application as required therein (1 page);
3. an executed Declaration (3 pages);
4. an Amster, Rothstein & Ebenstein check in the amount of \$653.00 to cover the utility filing fee (\$370), excess claims fee for two claims (\$18), a two month extension of time fee (\$200) and a late fee for the Declaration (\$65) for small entity status; and
5. a Return receipt postcard.

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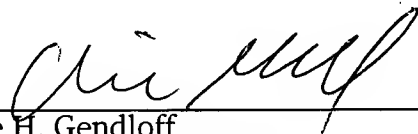
Small entity status was previously established and is still proper.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents by stamping the enclosed postcard and returning same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment

Please enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12-17, 22-30, and 37-44.

With the above amendment, the pending claims are now 1-11, 18-21, and 31-36
(total=22, two of which are independent)

Fee Payment

Applicants believe that, with the establishment of small entity status and the above claim amendment, the following fees are due:

Basic filing fee = \$370.

Excess claim fee = \$18 for two excess claims.

Extension of time = \$200 for two months.

Late fee for Declaration = \$65.

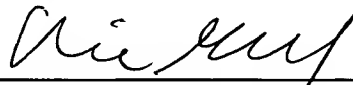
Total fee due = \$653.

Based on the above calculation, a check for \$653 is enclosed. If additional fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to that deposit account.

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